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Pardon this inquiry, but yesterday I participated in a full briefing by the top 5 State officials on water and still don't understand, so I thought I would ask you folks: are the federal agencies about to embrace a new proposal for BDCP, one that includes 9,000 CFS of new intakes and 15,000 cfs of new tunnels below the Delta, one that establishes an operating range that goes as high as 5.5 million acre feet exported out of the Delta? I understand that Interior has done a number of briefings for Senators and Hill staff on this proposal in the last few days, but we have not yet received a briefing on the new proposal from any federal agencies. Would it be possible to quickly provide a briefing for the national conservation groups that have invested 6 years in the BDCP process? We learned yesterday that the State believes there has been a major breakthrough with the lead federal agencies, and it does sound like there are some important new developments having to do with governance, adaptive management, assurances, etc. But it has been very hard to get any details or answers to some pretty basic questions. In the meantime, it has now been confirmed in both DC and Los Angeles that we have only 2 weeks to find out since the Governor and Secretary Salazar are now expected to publicly announce this new "deal" in 2-3 weeks. The sooner you can help people in the NGO community understand what exactly is being proposed, the easier it will be for us to constructively engage, to answer all the questions we are getting from fishing and environmental groups, Delta stakeholders, legislative staff in Sacramento and Washington, etc. Many thanks,

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